10. The Committee recommended that all M.Sc. programmes shall be structured in a manner so as to include the component of research.

11. The Committee was of the view that regional workshops may be held between CAS departments and the Committee members to apprise these departments of the thinking and expectations of the Empowered Committee from these departments.

12. The UGC scheme for "D.S.Kothari Post-Doctoral Fellowship" has been launched. Under the scheme 500 PDFs are to be awarded under this scheme annually. Till date 69 candidates have been awarded.

13. An infrastructure strengthening grant of Rs.5 lakhs to each of the 700 science departments of 97 colleges with Potential for Excellence (CPE) has been released. An expenditure of Rs.35 crores has been incurred so far.

14. An infrastructure strengthening grant of Rs.10 lakhs each to 195 Autonomous Colleges has been released. An expenditure of Rs, 19.50 crores has been incurred so far.

Recommendation of Knowledge Commission Report

2668. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to bring all institutions of higher education like IIMs, IITs, Medical Institutions and other Institutions imparting higher education under one umbrella under his Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has accepted the recommendations of Knowledge Commission;

(d) if so, the details of recommendations accepted by Government; and

(e) the distribution of colleges of technical institutions in the country, State-wise, and whether his Ministry proposes to solve the problem of uneven distribution of educational institutions in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a): No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The recommendations of the National Knowledge Commission as well as those made by the Committee to Rejuvenate and Renovate Higher Education are inputs to policy decisions in reforming and strengthening Higher Education.

(e) State-wise details of the number of IITs, Engineering Colleges, Polytechnics as on March, 2009 is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below). To overcome the regional imbalance of the number of seats in various States of the country, second shift of engineering colleges/ polytechnics have been allowed in existing institutions, in those States where the number of seats available per lakh of population is less than the all India average.

For more balanced growth of various streams of education in engineering & technology, it has been decided to allow establishment of new engineering institutions with at least three conventional branches as a mandatory requirement in the States where the number of seats available in engineering colleges per lakh of population are more than the all India average, whereas in the States where the number of seats available in engineering colleges per lakh of population are less than the all India average, no such restriction is applicable.

Statement

The State-wise details of the number of IITs, Engineering Colleges, Polytechnics as on March, 2009 is as follows:-

States/UTs	Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs)	Engineering Colleges	Polytechnic
1	2	3	4
Madhya Pradesh	1	161	55
Chhattisgarh	0	41	16
Gujarat	1	55	68
Mizoram	0	1	4
Sikkim	0	1	2
Orissa	1	68	43
West Bengal	1	71	49
Tripura	0	3	2
Meghalaya	0	1	3
Arunachal Pradesh	0	1	2
Andaman & Nicobar	0	0	2
Assam	1	7	13
Manipur	0	1	2
Nagaland	0	1	1
Jharkhand	0	13	18
Bihar	1	15	13
Uttar Pradesh	1	241	93
Uttaranchal	1	19	30
Chandigarh	0	5	3
Haryana	0	116	102
Jammu & Kashmir	0	7	14

1	2	3	4
New Delhi	1	19	17
Punjab	1	70	68
Rajasthan	1	81	67
Himachal Pradesh	1	9	9
Andhra Pradesh	1	527	100
Pondicherry	0	9	5
Tamil Nadu	1	352	323
Karnataka	0	157	241
Kerala	0	94	60
Maharashtra	1	239	224
Goa	0	3	8
Daman & Diu, Dadra and Nagar Haveli	0	0	2
TOTAL :	15	2388	1659

Decision on the Yashpal Committee report

2669. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Committee headed by eminent scientist Shri Yash Pal has suggested scrapping of several powerful bodies like UGC, AICTE, etc. and setting up of a super regulator instead;

(b) if so, whether a seven-member Panel to regulate all the academic bodies, is also a recommendation;

(c) whether these recommendations are under consideration; and

(d) if so, by when a decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The "Committee on Renovation and Rejuvenation of Higher Education" (Yash Pal Committee) has recommended the creation of an all-encompassing National Commission for Higher Education and Research (NCHER) with constitutional status to replace the existing regulatory bodies including All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) and the Distance Education Council (DEC). It has also been recommended that the other regulatory bodies in professional education such as the